

# COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM

## BOARD POLICY No. 4904

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### Chewing Betel Nut and/or Tobacco Use Policy

Date Adopted: 1981

Date Revised: 1998; 21 May 2009

Date Reviewed:

References:

Students are not permitted to smoke pipes, cigars, cigarettes, or any other tobacco products in COM-FSM buildings. At some campuses smoking is only permitted in designated outside smoking areas. Students are not permitted to chew betel nut or any type of chewable tobacco, except in designated areas.

Violations:

- A. *First Offense.* A first offense will not be referred to the Disciplinary Committee and is handled by the VP for Enrollment Management and Student Services or the Campus Dean/Director.
1. The maximum punishment that may be levied by the administration is a written reprimand to be placed into the student's personal file, and up to two hours of supervised work detail, to be completed within one month.
- B. *Second Offense.* A second violation of the chewing of betel nut and/or tobacco use policy is one that occurs within the same semester of the first offense. A second violation of the chewing of betel nut and/or tobacco use policy will result in a referral to the Disciplinary Committee. Penalties will range up to the following:
1. A written reprimand, which will go in the student's personal file.
  2. Up to four hours of supervised work detail, which must be completed within one month.
  3. Up to two hours of drug/alcohol education/counseling, this must be completed within three months of the decision by the Disciplinary Committee.
- C. *Third Offense.* A third violation of the chewing of betel nut and/or tobacco use policy is one that occurs within the same school year of the previous offenses. A third violation of the chewing of betel nut and/or tobacco use policy will result in a referral to the Disciplinary Committee. Penalties will range up to the following:
1. A written reprimand, which will go in the student's personal file.
  2. Up to six hours of supervised work detail, which must be completed within one month.
  3. Up to four hours of drug/alcohol education/counseling, this must be completed within three months of the decision by the Disciplinary Committee.
  4. Any other restrictions reasonably necessary to enforce the goals implicit in this policy.

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C. *More Than Three Offenses.* In the event any student commits and is to be disciplined for more than three offenses during a school year, the Disciplinary Committee may use its discretion and impose an appropriate penalty.

E. *Failure to Comply with Assigned Disciplinary Actions.* Non-compliance by the student of assigned disciplinary actions can result in the withholding of grades and/or transcripts until written notice of compliance has been filed with the VPEMSS or the Campus Dean/Director, who will be responsible to provide the appropriate lists to the Office of Admissions, Records and Retention. The withholding of grades can interfere with the ability of the student to obtain future financial aid for his/her schooling. Failure to complete counseling and other requirements inside the given time constraints under any discipline imposed may result in the denial of the student to register for continued classes.

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